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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3737
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FRAZIER et al.)	Confirmation No.: 3127
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Filed: 18 July 2003)	Examiner: Kish, James M.
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Serial No.: 10/622,242)	Docket No.: VI/99-024.D
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For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS FOR)	
USE WITH MAGNETIC RESONANCE))	
IMAGING SYSTEMS)	Date: 6 November 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED 15 JULY 2006

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of an Office Action dated 15 July 2006 concerning the patent application cited above. According to the Office Action, the application is deficient in the following respects:

(1) Claims 1, 5, 8-9, 12-15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,494,036 to Uber et al.; and

(2) Claims 2-3, 10-11 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Uber et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,198,285 to Kormos et al.

The Examiner noted, however, that claims 6-7 and 17-18, though objected to, would be allowed if rewritten in independent form